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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The Notice of Allowance of August 22, 2002 and Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance have been carefully reviewed and the following amendments and remarks are made in response thereto.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 27 as follows:

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27. (Three Times Amended) An oil for use as a carrier for pesticides or micronutrients in agricultural sprays, the carrier having reduced phytotoxicity properties, and having added thereto an oil soluble UV absorber comprising:

a benzoxazole, benztriazole or benzthiazole compound in an amount sufficient to reduce oil photooxidation and phytotoxicity of the oil.

Please add the following new claim:

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43. A method of reducing the phytotoxicity and photooxidation properties of an oil for use as a carrier for pesticides or micronutrients, comprising the step of adding to said oil benzoxazole, benztriazole or benzthiazole in an amount sufficient to reduce the phytotoxicity and photooxidation properties of said oil.